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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

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According to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the inter-mountain range habitat area at the western side of the Simi Valley between the Santa Susana Mountains and the Simi Hills is one of the most threatened habitat linkages in the Santa Monica Mountains and Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor zone. Fortunately, an opportunity exists to permanently protect a wildlife movement and open space corridor just east of this threatened area that would help preserve the important biological function of the threatened habitat linkage. Further, most of the land in this eastern corridor is already under public ownership and efforts are currently underway to permanently preserve the few remaining parcels of privately owned land.

A further benefit of preserving this open space corridor is the chance to build a long sought-after multiuse trail connecting the historic Reagan Ranch portion of Malibu Creek State Park in the Santa Monica Mountains and Alamos Canyon in Ventura County. To achieve these worthwhile goals, a coalition of numerous public and non-profit entities is now coming together to begin work on planning for, and ultimately constructing, the Reagan Legacy Trail and Wildlife Corridor. This coalition deserves Los Angeles County's endorsement and cooperation.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Director of

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Parks and Recreation and other appropriate County agencies to participate in this worthwhile endeavor and direct the Executive Officer to send a five-signature letter supporting this effort to interested stakeholders including the National Park Service, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, California State Parks, and the Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council.

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